

Providence Baptist Church Choir

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July 2-9, 2019

Paris Choral Festival

COMMEMORATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY



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PARIS CHORAL FESTIVAL

In 2014, Music Celebrations International organized the Paris Choral Festival to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of D-Day and Liberation of France with a mass choir performance in La Madeleine.

To continue this celebration of the centuries-old Franco-American friendship, and to commemorate another milestone anniversary, Music Celebrations International is pleased to announce the Paris Choral Festival taking place in **July 2-9, 2019** (75th Anniversary of D-Day and the Liberation of France) under the artistic directions of Dr. Gary Schwartzhoff.

Prior to the finale performance, choirs will journey to nearby Normandy for an Independence Day choral remembrance and wreath-laying at the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial – site of the June 6th, 1944 Allied Invasion.

The festival will feature works by Dan Forrest, Fauré, and more to honor the occasion, culminating in a grand musical commemoration for the heroes that fought for freedom during the world’s greatest invasion.



LA MADELEINE

Inaugurated during Napoleon Bonaparte's reign, L'église de la Madeleine, more commonly known as La Madeleine, is a church in the heart of Paris that was built in the style of a Greco-Roman temple. This Roman Catholic church, dedicated to Mary Magdalene, is one of the best known buildings in Paris, and is host to some of the most important concerts in the city. Its prominent location, along with its tremendous size, allows it to be uniquely set apart against a stunning Parisian backdrop. The interior is lavishly decorated with marble, and has a single nave with three domes. At the altar sits a statue of Mary Magdalene being carried up to heaven by two angels, by the Italian sculptor Baron Charles Marochetti. La Madeleine also has a statue of St. Augustine created by Antoine Etex, as well as two by François Rude - the masterpiece Baptism of Christ, and the baptismal font.



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LA MADELEINE, PARIS, FRANCE

GARY R. SCHWARTZHOFF, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR AND CONDUCTOR

Requiem for the Living **Dan Forrest (b. 1978)**
SATB / Orchestra
Hinshaw Music HMB265 (\$11.99)

Cantique de Jean Racine **Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)**
SATB / Orchestra
Oxford University Press 9780193361065 (\$3.95)

Invictus..... **Joshua Rist (b. 1988)**
SATB / Orchestra
earthsongs S-387 (\$2.25)

Eternal Father, Strong to Save..... **arr. Dan Forrest**
SATB / Orchestra
Hinshaw Music HMC2353 or HL 08764770 (\$2.45)

Let Peace Then Still the Strife **arr. Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)**
SATB / Orchestra
Oxford University Press 9780193804579 (\$3.10)

Choirs are responsible for securing their own sheet music. MCI does not provide music, unless noted, nor is there a preferred music dealer. Music will be held in black folders at the concert.

This program is subject to change.

Please contact Music Celebrations International to confirm before purchasing music.



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Festival Tour (6 nights / 8 days)

Day 1 Tuesday, July 2, 2019

Depart via scheduled air service to Paris, France

Day 2 Wednesday, July 3 Caen (D)

Arrive in Paris

Meet Tour Manager who will assist in transfer to Caen region via Rouen
Stop in Rouen to see the Cathedral. In the Place de la Cathédrale stands the Gothic Cathedral of Notre-Dame, one of the largest and most magnificent in France. The most striking feature is the elaborately articulated west front which was painted several times by Claude Monet. Also see the site of Joan of Arcs execution

Lunch, on own

Check-in to hotel, followed by Welcome Dinner, and overnight

As the capital of Lower Normandy, Caen is a thriving university city with exceptional historical heritage. William the Conqueror lent the town his favor in the 11th century and commissioned many of the city's most famous sites including the Abbey aux Hommes and the Abbey aux Dames, where his wife Mathilde is buried. Caen was the center of some of the fiercest fighting in the Liberation of 1944. The peace memorial is unquestionably the greatest museum of World War II and a "must-see" for anyone who visits the city

Day 3 Thursday, July 4 Caen (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning excursion to Coleville

Participate in a wreath laying ceremony at the American Cemetery, site of the June 6th Normandy Invasion

Lunch, on own

Also enjoy a visit to Point du Hoc where you can see the World War II Pointe du Hoc Ranger Monument. It was erected by the French to honor elements of the American Second Ranger Battalion under the command of Lieutenant Colonel James E. Rudder. During the American assault of Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944, these elements scaled the 100-foot cliff and seized the German artillery pieces that could have fired on the American landing troops at Omaha Beach. At a high cost of life, they successfully defended against determined German counterattacks

Dinner at the hotel and overnight



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Day 4 Friday, July 5 Caen / Paris (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by checkout
Morning transfer to Paris
Lunch, on own
Half-day guided tour of *Paris historique*, including Notre Dame Cathedral, Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower, Champs Elysees, Place de la Concorde, Luxembourg Palace and Gardens, Latin Quarter, Place de la Bastille, etc.
Dinner at the hotel and overnight

With its grand boulevards, Streetside cafés, magnificent architecture, and river vistas, it takes little to understand why Paris is known as one of the most beautiful cities in the world. There is nothing more inspiring than walking the streets of Paris taking in the dynamic atmosphere. Paris is a place that breathes history and legend, a perfect combination of the modern and the ancient



Day 5 Saturday, July 6 Paris (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel
Morning Rehearsal
Lunch, on own
Tour of *Paris artistique*, including entrance to the Louvre, the world's largest and greatest art museum
Dinner at local restaurant
Evening Rehearsal
Return to hotel for overnight



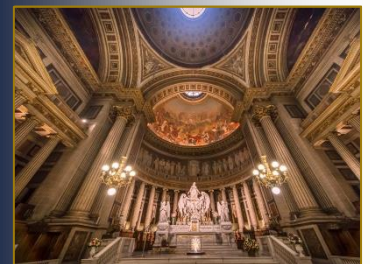
Day 6 Sunday, July 7 Paris (B)

Breakfast at the hotel
Morning at leisure
Lunch, on own
Afternoon at leisure
Dinner on own
Evening Rehearsal
Return to hotel for overnight



Day 7 Monday, July 8 Paris (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel
Morning Dress Rehearsal
Lunch, on own
Afternoon at leisure
Farewell Dinner
Evening Paris Choral Festival Performance
Return to hotel for overnight



Day 8 Tuesday, July 9 Depart for home (B)

Breakfast at the hotel
Transfer to Paris Airport for return flight

**Subject to confirmation*

This is a very flexible itinerary. Except for confirmed appointments and performances, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities.

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COST ESTIMATES
PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR

All prices are per person and are based on the number of paying participants in each 49-passenger motorcoach staying in double occupancy. Estimated airfares are subject to change, and will be confirmed once an airline contract is secured (roughly 11 months prior to your tour).

	<i>45-47 Paying</i>	<i>40-44 Paying</i>	<i>35-39 Paying</i>	<i>30-34 Paying</i>	<i>25-29 Paying</i>	<i>20-24 Paying</i>
(6 nights / 8 days) CAEN, PARIS	\$3,682	\$3,774	\$3,848	\$3,999	\$4,211	\$4,486
Land Only (self-arranged air):	\$2,132	\$2,224	\$2,298	\$2,449	\$2,661	\$2,936

The costs will vary, depending upon the total number of paying participants sharing certain fixed overhead costs which include *chartered motorcoach, Tour Manager, guides, concert costs*, etc. Please consult the Cost Inclusions (located on the following page) which have been used as the basis for our offer.

These costs are based on group payments made by organization check or cash-equivalent to qualify for our lowest discounted prices. If you choose to have MCI handle the accounting and payment processing for each individual on tour, a 3% accounting fee applies. All tour prices quoted for transportation and land arrangements herein are based on rates (including foreign exchange rates) in effect at the date of this offer and are subject to change. Adjustments may be made if the exchange rate varies more than 5%.

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COST INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS
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COST INCLUSIONS

- **AIRLINE TRANSPORTATION:** Round-trip transportation by scheduled airline carrier from **Charlotte, NC**. Airfares are subject to change pending space availability at the time of group booking.
 - Includes up to \$550 for U.S. Government airline taxes, fees, and estimated fuel surcharge.
- **COACH TRANSPORTATION:** Local modern deluxe motorcoach transportation within Europe upon arrival and available for the entire tour.
- **FESTIVAL & CONCERT PRODUCTION:** All rehearsals and performances for the festival, and any additional performances outside of the festival as noted in the tour itinerary, are professionally provided in superior venues with attention to technical details and effective publicity.
- **ACCOMMODATIONS:** Hotel accommodations in superior tourist-class (3 & 4-star) hotels based on double occupancy. All hotels mentioned in this quote are used as reference only and are subject to availability at group rates at the time of booking. City centre accommodations are available at a supplement upon request. This offer is based on staying at the following accommodations, or similar:
 - Caen: [Hotel Novotel Cote de Nacre](#) Paris: [Paris Marriott Rive Gauche](#)
- **MEALS:** As noted in the Tour itinerary, meals include daily breakfast and five (5) dinners (one dinner is on own). Please note that breakfast is not included on day of arrival and dinner is not included on day of departure.
- **ENTRANCE FEES:** The following Entrance fees are included:
 - Rouen Cathedral, Coleville sur Mer U.S. Military Cemetery, Pointe du Hoc, U.S. Ranger Monument, Louvre Museum
- **TOUR ITINERARIES:** Electronic versions of the tour itinerary are available listing hotel addresses, telephone and fax numbers.
- **TOUR MANAGEMENT:** One full-time, multi-lingual Tour Manager will be on each motorcoach through the entire tour. MCI's European office staff is easily available 24 hours daily (even on weekends) to render assistance whenever needed.
- **EXCURSIONS:** Conducted by licensed, professional guides as outlined in the day-by-day Tour itinerary.
- **GRATUITIES:** Tips to hotel personnel (including meals) are included. Tips to tour manager(s), licensed guides, and motorcoach driver(s) are not included.
- **EACH PARTICIPANT RECEIVES:**
 - 1 Flight bag • 2 Luggage tags • 1 Souvenir T-shirt
- **TRAVEL NOTES:** Pre-departure Travel Notes are available to each participant containing useful information about travel preparation, destination information, useful packing and cultural conditioning suggestions.
- **LIABILITY INSURANCE:** \$3M MCI Tour Liability Insurance coverage.
- **TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Individual insurance coverage is included in all MCI programs.
Summary of coverage:
 - \$10,000 – Travel Accident • \$1,000 – Medical Expense
 - \$300 – Baggage Coverage • \$600 – Trip Cancellation/Interruption/Delay

COST EXCLUSIONS

- Travel Visa for non-U.S. passport holders.
- Tips to Tour Manager(s), city guides and motorcoach driver(s).
- Instrument / equipment rental & cartage, if needed.
- Airline luggage fees, if applicable.
- Transportation to and from the departure airport.
- Daily lunches, one dinner, and drinks at dinners.
- Choirs are responsible for securing their own sheet music.
- Difference between current and actual costs for the airline taxes and the estimated fuel surcharge, if applicable.
- Concert programs for individual choir concerts during extension tours, if needed.

**PARIS CHORAL FESTIVAL
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Payment & Cancellation Schedules
PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR**

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

\$1,500 group deposit (non-refundable)Due: February 1, 2018
\$200 per person (non-refundable)Due: April 1, 2018
15% per person, of total tour costsDue: July 1, 2018
20% per person, of total tour costsDue: November 1, 2018
25% per person, of total tour costsDue: February 1, 2019
Final Payment (remaining balance).....Due: May 15, 2019

Amount paid is % of the total tour cost, not the balance owed.

CANCELLATION SCHEDULE

\$200 per person (non-refundable)Penalty Begins: April 1, 2018
10% per person, of total tour costsPenalty Begins: August 1, 2018
25% per person, of total tour costsPenalty Begins: December 1, 2018
50% per person, of total tour costsPenalty Begins: February 15, 2019
100% per person, of total tour costsPenalty Begins: May 20, 2019

Amount penalized is % of the total tour cost, not % of what has already been paid.

Please note that the above payment and cancellation schedule is based on the initial deposit date as well as subsequent on-time payments and can be modified with your input and feedback.

This schedule is subject to change should any payment dates be missed.

**Group payments made by organization check or cash-equivalent qualify for our lowest discounted prices.
If you choose to have MCI handle the accounting and payment processing for any individuals on tour, a
3% accounting fee will be assessed on the full group.**

